



How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world ~ Anne Frank

Keys to student collaboration

If your child is a good collaborator, they will be able to work well with classmates on school projects and activities. Plus, they'll be better prepared for today's team-oriented workplace. Suggest these tips for effective collaboration.

- Create a plan. Make sure everyone's on the same page. If your student is doing a group project, they might ask a question to get the group started. ("Okay, so which famous person are we going to focus on?")
- Let everyone contribute. To give all group members a chance to think, wait a few seconds before jumping in after someone poses a question. Once they comment, use the "three before me" rule—wait for three others to speak before chiming in again.
- Be a consensus builder. Encourage your middle grader to look for compromises the group can agree on. For example, if one person had hoped to do a funny skit, maybe they could inject some humor into an otherwise serious presentation.
- Make decisions together. Even if everyone did different parts, the final product needs to feel seamless. Try to make the most of each person's talents and contributions.



Hornsby Middle School is proud to announce that *Mrs. Jill Dalton* is our Volunteer of the Year. Jill's ideas and initiatives for engaging the school and the community have furthered our positive, supportive school atmosphere. As our current PTSA President, Jill already contributes her time and talents. This year she recognized and responded to a need, understanding student anxiety. She organized an amazing event around the movie *Angst*, securing the movie, finding community resources, and incorporating speakers. It was a huge success. We appreciate her!

Monday, April 15, 2019: B Day

- ▼ PTSA meeting 5:45pm
- ▼ Baseball & Softball at Queens Lake 4:30

Tuesday, April 16, 2019: A Day

- ▼ SHIP Morning Basketball/Open Gym-from 6:50am-7:50am-meet in the gym
- ▼ SHIP Ultimate Frisbee Club- from 3:15-4:30-meet in room 3124



Wednesday, April 17, 2019: B Day

- ✦ SHIP Running Club-from 3:15-4:15- meet in the art room
- ✦ Baseball & Softball at Yorktown 4:30

Thursday, April 18, 2019: A Day

- ✦ SHIP Aerobic Dance Club- from 3:15-4:30- meet in the cafeteria
- ✦ Baseball & Softball at home vs Page 4:30

Friday, April 19, 2019: B Day

- ✦ Have a great weekend



Announcements/Looking Ahead



SOL Test Schedule

Hornsby students will show what they know when they take their SOL tests in May. See the calendar below for dates.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13	14	15	16	17
		Gr. 6 Reading	Gr. 7 Reading	Gr. 8 Reading
20	21	22	23	24
Make-up Testing	Math 6 & Accelerated Math 6	Gr. 8 Civics	Math 7	Alg. 1 (all grades) & Geometry
27	28	29	30	31
Memorial Day	Make-up Testing	Gr. 8 Science	Expedited Retakes	Expedited Retakes

*Make-up testing and expedited retakes will continue through the last day of school

With the advent of warm weather please take a moment to review the **dress code** found on the **main Hornsby webpage, on the left side, near the bottom**. Part of doing our best and being successful every day relies on looking and feeling our best. Clothing and dress can be a form of individual expression; however, it should convey a sense of personal pride and confidence found in a professional setting, such as a school.

D&D Club will not meet this week. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 25.

This is the last week for the spring **SHIP clubs**.

Run the Dog 5k is this Saturday April 20th. Good luck **running club**!!



WJCC Parent Academy: There is still time to register for the Parent Academy: Raising Cybersmart Middle Schoolers. WJCC Middle School Counselors will explore online safety, cyberbullying myths and realities, and strategies to help your child develop a positive digital reputation. Register at wjccschools.org/parent-academy to join us this Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00pm.

Has your student lost their eyeglasses? They may be in clinic. Please contact Nurse Vona if you are missing eyeglasses.

Congratulations to the students that received solos for choir: Sierra Stallings, Sheridan Calvert, Robert Jones, Amari Wilson, Travis Cottle, Meredith Colburne, Mackenzie Dean, Hailey Bauer, Nalijah McNair, Joey Helton, Rodney Seawright, Kylie Wallace, Micayla McDaniel, Isaac, Kelce, and Pablo Ballesteros Fabios. You rock!

Teacher Appreciation Week will be May 6th-10th this year and we would love your help celebrating our teachers and faculty at Hornsby! Please see the Signup Genius for ways you can help: www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48acaf2ea31-hornsby

Nurse Vona's Dress for Success Closet: Nurse Vona is requesting donations of new or gently used semiformal wear for stepping up and 8th grade dance. Male and female clothing in all sizes is needed. Shoes, bow ties, button down shirts or polos, dress pants, and dresses are all needed. Donations may be sent to the Hornsby clinic with students or delivered between 7:30 and 3:30 by parents. Also, if there are any students that need to utilize Nurse Vona's Dress for Success Closet, please encourage them to stop by clinic or see any adult in the school for assistance.

Change a Cancer Patient's Life – Collect Change for Cancer: Hornsby's Relay for Life Team is collecting change. Homeroom teachers will collect change between April 8 and April 19. The homeroom class that collects the most change will receive a visit from a therapy dog. Therapy dogs often visit cancer patients while they receive their chemotherapy.

PTSA Nominations for the 2019-2020 Executive Committee Slate are: Adrienne Tropilo for President, Alisa Smith for Vice President, Cindy Carlson for Treasurer, and Jacky San Miguel for Secretary. Voting will take place at the next PTSA meeting on April 15th at 5:45PM.

The Hornsby PTSA would love for you to attend our next **PTSA meeting on Monday, April 15th at 5:45PM** in the media center. Our meetings are usually 30 minutes long and include a school update from Dr. Ellison.

The **8th Grade Dance will be held on June 7th this year.** If you would like to help with planning please join the 8th Grade Dance Committee on April 15th at 5:00pm in the Media Center. We hope to see you there!



NJHS dates.

Friday, March 22nd

- Students identified as eligible (based ONLY on GPA minimum) will receive a candidate information form. All students interested in being considered for membership must complete the candidate information form to be evaluated by the faculty council.

Friday, April 12th

- Candidate information forms due to Mrs. Berry in room 2116 by 3:15 pm. Since students are given two full school weeks (and spring break) to complete and submit candidate information forms, no exceptions will be made, even for absences. Students should complete and turn in the candidate information form to the best of their ability at their earliest convenience. Students are urged NOT to procrastinate.

Friday, May 3rd

- Letters of selection/non-selection sent out via mail. The time it takes for it to arrive varies.

Wednesday, May 22nd

- Selected members are formally inducted into NJHS through an Induction Ceremony. All inductees are expected to attend this ceremony at 5:30pm – more details will follow in letter of selection.

Please turn in your **BoxTops** to help support your school. These little treasures bring in money that help support our Honor Roll program.

Want to show a Hornsby employee they are appreciated, but not sure how? You can purchase dress down days for your favorite teacher or support staff. **Hornsby is participating in Jeans Mondays and T-Shirt Tuesdays to support the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.** You can purchase 4 dress down days for 5\$ or 14 for 15\$. Deliver cash or a check made out to the American Cancer Society to Nurse Vona and she will deliver your gift. She can be reached at 565-9450 or beth.vona@wjccschools.org with any questions. **All donations go to the American Cancer Society. Thank you for your support.**

Student tech tip: there is a **Tech Kiosk** available to students each day in **room 1105** to assist with repairs and mechanical issues.

Schedule:

Monday/Tuesday/Friday: 9:00-10:00 am

Wednesday/Thursday: 8:15-9:15

If you are picking your child up from school or they are riding a different bus, please make sure you send a note and ask them to turn it into the office.



Important Dates:

May 7: Interim Reports Go Home
May 26: 7th grade field trip to the Science Museum of Virginia
May 27: Memorial Day Schools and Offices Closed
June 7: 8th Grade Dance 7-10pm
June 12: MS Early Release: 12:25pm
June 12: **Stepping Up (8th grade ceremony) 2pm at WHS**
June 13: Early Release 12:25pm
June 20: Report Cards Mailed Home



Thank you!!!

Thank you to **our students** for working so hard during the 3rd nine weeks. The report cards looked great!

Thank you also to **our parents**, students cannot shine without your support. Great job everyone!

Teachers are diligently working to create innovative, engaging lessons to aid in student success.

Thank you **Mrs. Epps** for making sure the report cards are correct.

A big thank you to our SHIP club sponsors this spring- **Mr. Pfeiffer, Mrs. Hinojosa, Ms. Carter, Ms. Uvodich , Mr. Winthrop, and Mr. Sparks.**

Our students are wonderful! Students have been following the Hawk expectations. Our Hawks SOAR!

Hornsby Hawks SOAR

Safe

Organized

Accountable

Respectful